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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SWEL, SL
SUBJECT: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SIERRA LEONEAN CITIZEN

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY HECTOR MORGAN OF FOURAH BAY ON URGENT BASIS TO ASSIST HIS NIECE, LENA KING, RETURN TO PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY SERVICE, BELLVUE HOSPITAL, NEW YORK. MISS KING, WHO HAD CARDIAC SURGERY PERFORMED AT BELLVUE IN 1970, NOW HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO CONNAUGHT HOSPITAL FREETOWN WITH MITRAL VALVE DISEASE AND LEFT VENTICULAR FAILURE. LOCAL DOCTORS STATE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR TREATMENT NOT AVAILABLE FREETOWN.

2. ACCORDING TO MR. MORGAN, NIECE WAS FLOWN TO US GRATIS BY PAN AM AND TREATED WITHOUT PAYMENT BY BELLVUE HOSPITAL IN 1970. THIS WAS ARRANGED BY THEN SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR TO U.S., JOHN AKAR IN COORDINATION WITH UN HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE. MORGAN STATES FAMILY HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY ROUNDTRIP AIR FARE OF MISS KING, BUT ASKED EMBASSY TO QUERY BELLVUE TO DETERMINE IF HOSPITAL AGAIN WOULD WAIVE FEES SINCE NO MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. MORGAN ALSO ASKING GOSL FOREIGN MINISTER TO INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONSULT WITH GOSL EMBASSY AND,
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AS APPROPRIATE, DETERMINE IF USG SHOULD INTERVENE FURTHER IN SEEKING TO OBTAIN WAIVER OF MEDICAL FEES. EARLY ADVICE OF FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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